Welcome, thank you for joining us! We will start at 9 a.m.

- Please “introduce” yourself by re-naming your zoom name to include your organization.
- The agenda and resources shared during this call are posted on our website
  - homelessinfo.org/resource/covid under “Coalition meeting notes and resources shared”
- We welcome your engagement in the chat box! Please know that during this meeting we will not have time to address most comments, but will include those appropriate in our follow-up message.
- There will be portions of the meeting where we will invite questions and comments in the chat box to respond to.

Prepare to Take Action – look up your King County Legislative district (tinyurl.com/kcdistricts)

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Agenda

• Opening Ceremony from Chief Seattle Club Drummer, Randy Tippins-Firstrider
• New Coalition Mission, Vision, and Values
• Highlights from the past year with the Coalition
• Explanation of Voting in Board of Directors Election
• City, County, and Statewide Advocacy Opportunities
• COVID-19 Resource Update, Census 2020 Update
• Face Coverings Directive and Mask Distribution
• Musical performance, Penka Jane Culevski
Equity
To center race in the fight for housing justice, as white supremacy and structural racism cause disparities in who experiences homelessness.

Collective Action
To collaborate, unite, and act to build power.

Justice
To uphold the dignity and civil rights of people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.
Vision:

A region that acts on a shared sense of responsibility to ensure that everyone has a home.
Old Mission:
We work collaboratively to ensure safety and survival for people while they are homeless, and to end the crisis of homelessness in our region.

New Mission:
We mobilize our community to challenge systemic causes of homelessness and advocate for housing justice.
Coalition on Homelessness
Highlights from the past year
We welcomed two new team members –

**Sasha Koeberling** was hired in June as Administrative Coordinator.

**Jason Austin** was hired in July as the Membership Organizer.
June 6, 2019: Adjust for Inflation campaign launched, related to Councilmember Mosqueda's bill (CB 119542) to ensure that human services contracts automatically adjust for inflation.

July 15, 2019: Seattle City Council voted unanimously to approve CB 119542.
Project Cool for Back-to-School provided backpacks and supplies for 1,431 students experiencing homelessness.
We designed the Home for Good program to help answer this question: Can we close the gap between high and rapidly increasing rents and low and stagnant disability benefits with a shallow rent subsidy and light case management?

Seattle residents with disabilities who have been through the trauma and hardship of homelessness should not lose their homes because of a “benefit cliff.”
Case Manager Trainings

• Supporting Homeless Students: McKinney Vento 101
• Public Benefits 101

We provided 185 frontline staff with tools and skills to support their work, in addition to hosting monthly Coalition Membership meetings and co-convening monthly South King County Forum on Homelessness meetings.
In the fall, we trained 40 voter registration volunteers and registered 282 eligible voters.
2020 Legislative Session Advocacy

- 91 advocates trained at Homelessness Advocacy 101 workshops
- 38 advocates rode the Advocacy Express to Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day with the Coalition
- Major Housing & Homelessness priorities passed thanks to your advocacy!
Our Homeless Service Change Tracker was designed to help front-line workers know where to refer their clients and to help us all have an understanding of what services are open, limited to current clients only, changed, or closed.

Big thank you to staff for taking the time to talk with our team of Coalition staff and volunteers about changes at your programs and agencies due to COVID-19.

Coalition on Homelessness COVID-19 King County Homeless Service Change Tracker

Information about this Tracker

We created this Service Change Tracker (what it is and is not): This tracker is intended to provide information to members (including 211 and local government) about changes in the network of homeless-specific services in King County in response to COVID-19. It helps us see shifts in what was already an insufficient network of care, but does not fully describe the scope and nature of existing homelessness. While we hope this is a useful tool and resource to make good referrals and connections, we did NOT design it as a resource list, because this information changes too rapidly and capacity is too limited, especially in terms of shelter. Coalition on Homelessness staff contacted knowledgeable staff at each program or agency who shared details over the phone call, not a shared document. Thank you to all staff who have adjusted programs and services to maintain some ability to meet public health emergency on top of the crisis of homelessness. We understand that as programs continue to adapt and change, program information will also change.

Please email notices@homelessinfo.org with any updates about your organization’s programs, hours, and services. Information is collected between March 20 and April 6, 2020, and first posted the tracker publicly on 4/16/20. “Last updated” column indicates when the last update was made. The following columns indicate the current status of the program:

- Services Available: These are the actual services the site is still operating.
- Limited to Current Clients Only: These are services that are still available, but are limited to current clients only.
- Changed: These are services that have been changed.
- Closed: These are services that have been closed.

General notes:

- Contact information: Not included in this document. Please use your network, 211, or search to find. We have also not made a note of populations served.
- Most have limited capacity due to social distancing measures even if service hours and types of service are unchanged. About half have closed access to those who are not clients or guests, or who are connected to other services (such as shelter) at the same site or agency to use the facilities. In some cases, a limited number of people can use the facilities.
- No shelter available on request for adults, including youth and young adults. Because there is essentially no client turnover, we only list shelters available for families through the Family Shelter Intake Line (managed by Mary’s Place). 206.245.1026. Access to the site is based on need and need to protect everyone from the impact of the coronavirus. Multiple shelters where the physical space is adequate and air circulation have moved to new locations, or split into two; some overnight only programs have transitioned to 24/7 to allow people to have 1 hotel or motel. We are not listing transitional housing or permanent supportive housing or certain confidential DV shelters.
- Restrooms, showers, and laundry services are very hard to come by all over King County. Almost all public buildings (libraries, community centers) now serve fewer people (and some are closed altogether) because of the necessity to limit numbers of people in the space, enhanced sanitation protocols, public health guidance. Many programs have lost volunteers and staffing is limited. Other reduction in access is due to closure of businesses where people purchase food, wash up, or plug in a phone. Publicly accessible amenities such as gas stations that used to provide access to a restroom, shower, or parking programs. This tab is not yet fully populated.

Not collected: This note means Coalition staff did not collect information for that cell.

Changes/Edits? Please send them to notices@homelessinfo.org.
On April 8, 2020, Coalition members formed a panel to explain the urgent need for accessible hygiene and sanitation at a Seattle City Council Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments.

The Select Committee will meet again on May 27, 2020.

Thank you to Jessica Kwon and Dawn Whitson from REACH, Brittany Meek from DESC, Colleen Echohawk-Hayashi, Director of Chief Seattle Club for presenting on the April 8 panel.
Public Restroom Access

All locations of the Seattle Public Library are closed until at least May 31 to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. As part of a citywide effort to support the needs of our community during this health crisis, the Library is offering public restroom access at the following locations during this closure:

Restrooms are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Central Library – 1000 Fourth Ave.
- Ballard Branch – 5614 22nd Ave. N.W.
- Beacon Hill Branch – 2821 Beacon Ave. S.
- Capitol Hill Branch – 425 Harvard Ave. E.
- University Branch – 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E.

Please note: Restrooms will be closed periodically throughout each day for cleaning. Restrooms will be closed on holidays, including Memorial Day, Monday May 25.

For more information, call 206-386-4636, or visit www.spl.org/Restrooms
Thank you, Coalition members, for a wonderful year 😊
2020 Coalition Board Slate

Derrick Belgarde  
Katie Escudero  
Benjamin Miksch  
Jenn Romo
COVID-19 Resources:

**Discounted Telephone Access**

Lifeline is a federal program that provides low-cost phone and internet services to households at or below 135% FPL

The FCC has issued a waiver suspending the reverification and recertification requirements for Lifeline users.

To add minutes: DSHS can now add minutes to a pre-paid Lifeline phone by calling 1-877-501-2233

See a list of local providers on our website [homelessinfo.org](http://homelessinfo.org)

**Economic Impact Payments, or Stimulus Checks**

One-time cash payment, either direct deposit or mail

Who gets it automatically: Those who have filed a 2018/19 Tax Return, or those receiving SSI/SSDI benefits.

Who needs to submit information: Those who haven’t filed a return, or those on SSI / SSDI with a dependent claim.

Step by Step Guide for Case Managers: [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org)
King County has been awarded $1.9M in federal funds under Phases 37 and Phase CARES of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Program. The money is to be used to supplement existing emergency food and shelter programs in King County. The funds are split between:

- **Rent and utility assistance** (priority to communities of color and immigrant/refugee communities)
- **Emergency shelter program support and motel stays** for unsheltered people or survivors of domestic violence (priority seniors)
- **Food banks and meal programs**, focused on culturally relevant/community-of-color-based food provision and/or food services for homeless housing programs (priority seniors)

**Timeline:**
- Thursday 5/21 11am-12pm: Info session for orgs that have not received EFSP $ before
- Wednesday 5/27: application opens
- Thursday 5/28 1pm-2:30pm: Info Session for applicants
- Wednesday 6/10: applications due

**For questions, please email:** lbrooks@uwkc.org
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And thanks for staying 6 feet away!